

REMARKS

In the Advisory Action mailed July 3, 2003, the Examiner identified that all the pending rejections and objections from the March 17, 2003 Office Action would be resolved by the amendments requested in the Applicant's June 5, 2003 § 1.116 After Final Amendment, with the exception of the issue of claims directed to "non-polymeric" medical devices. In order to advance this case toward issue, the Applicant has further amended claims 1 and 12 to refer to "metallic" medical devices, in lieu of "non-polymeric" devices. The Applicant respectfully submits that these amendments should resolve the Examiner's concerns regarding possible inclusion of non-polymeric materials such as fibrous materials within the scope of the present claims.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, the Applicant believes that upon entry of the foregoing amendments, claims 1-15 are in allowable form. The Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the pending rejections and issuance of a Notice of Allowance for claims 1-15.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (202) 220-4232 to discuss any matter concerning this application.

The Office is authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Kenyon & Kenyon Deposit Account No. 11-0600.

Respectfully submitted,



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MARKED-UP VERSION OF AMENDMENTS

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1. (Twice amended) A method of coating a metallic medical device comprising:
interfacing a therapeutic with a supercritical fluid; and
transferring the therapeutic from the supercritical fluid to the medical device.

12. (Twice amended) A method of coating a metallic medical device comprising:
placing the medical device in a coating chamber;
coating the medical device;
interfacing a therapeutic with a supercritical fluid; and
exposing the coating to the supercritical fluid.